

IN THE DRAWINGS:

One replacement sheet of drawings for the Fig. 3 is submitted.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 and canceled claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19, 20, 24, 25, 29, 30, 34, 35, 39 and 40 without prejudice and amended the figures and specification. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims, drawings and specification are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that these amended claims would not be rejectable based upon the art of record in the parent application for the reasons set forth below.

The Examiner has rejected the claims as being anticipated by Kawashima et al. In reply thereto, Applicant respectfully submits that Kawashima et al. teaches that members 1 and 2 are securely fastened together first in the manner that the member 1 stands in front of the member 2 and then the member (i.e., the combination of members 1 and 2) is engaged with the member 3 in the manner that the member 1 stands behind the member 3 by engaging the second lug 37 with recess 18 and then engaging the first lug 10 with the hole 34. As a result, the lens member 1 stands between the member 3 and 2 and in order to remove the lens member 1 from the members 2 and 3, the lens member (i.e., the combination of members 1 and 2) must be removed from the rear surface of the member 3 in the backward direction first and then the lens member alone from the front surface of the member 2 in the forward direction. In other words, Applicant respectfully submits that the lens member 1 cannot be provided on the front side of the frame member and the lens member alone cannot be removed from the front side of the frame member as is claimed by Applicant's claims.

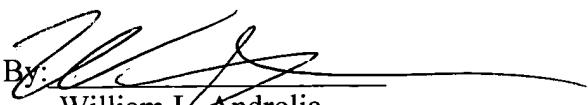
Still further, Applicant respectfully submits that the circumferential flange, stopping member and tab are also not shown by Kawashima et al. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-13, 16-18, 21-23, 26-28, 31-33, and 36-38 are not anticipated by Kawashima et al. for the reasons given above

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered as part of this RCE, favorably considered, and the case passed to issue. Also, if these amendments do not in the Examiner's opinion patentably distinguish the present invention from the prior art cited by the Examiner, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned before issuing another action so that the issuance of another action may be avoided.

Applicant further respectfully and retroactively requests a one month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action. Please charge Deposit Account No. 11-1445 in the sum of \$60.00 as the fee.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

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